information signal with said auxiliary information signal, said second fee being different from said first fee;

a reproducing circuit which reproduces said main information signal and both said main information signal and said auxiliary information signal; and

a charge calculator which calculates a fee based on said first charging information signal when said main information signal is reproduced and calculates a fee based on said second charging information signal when both said main information signal and said auxiliary information signal are reproduced.

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30. A device for charging a fee for information according to claim 29, further comprising:

an error detector which detects an error in reproduced information and generates an error signal when the quantity of the detected errors exceeds a predetermined value,

wherein said charge calculator changes a charging condition in response to said error signal and said reproducing circuit reproduces said main information signal even when said error detector generates said error signal.

31. A device for charging a fee for information according to claim 29, further comprising:

a detector which detects a reproducing amount of said auxiliary information signal,

wherein said charge calculator calculates a fee based on said second charging information signal when said detector

detects that a reproducing amount of said auxiliary information signal exceeds a predetermined value.

32. A device for charging a fee for information according to claim 29, further comprising:

a detector which detects a reproducing time of said auxiliary information signal,

wherein said charge calculator calculates a fee based on said second charging information signal when said detector detects that a reproducing time of said auxiliary information signal exceeds a predetermined time.

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33. A device for charging a fee for information according to claim 29,

wherein said first charging information signal is distributed in said main information signal and said second charging information signal is distributed in said auxiliary information signal, said charge calculator calculates a fee based on an accumulation of the overall distribution of said second charging information signal.

34. A device for charging a fee for information according to claim 29, further comprising:

a recording circuit which records said main information signal, said auxiliary information signal, said first charging information signal and said second charging information signal on a medium.

35. A device for charging a fee for information according to claim 29, further comprising:

a charging process circuit which processes an IC card storing an electric money; and

a communication circuit which sends an electric money corresponding to a fee to a center.

36. A system for charging a fee for information, comprising:

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a transmitter which transmits a main information signal and an auxiliary information signal;

a receiver which receives said main information signal and said auxiliary information signal;

a reproducing circuit which reproduces said main information signal and both said main information signal and said auxiliary information signal; and

a charge calculator which calculates a first fee based on a first charging information signal when said main information signal is reproduced, and calculates a second, different fee based on a second charging information signal when both said main information signal and said auxiliary information signal are reproduced.

37. A system for charging a fee for information according to claim 36, further comprising:

an error detector which detects an error in reproduced information and generates an error signal when the quantity of the detected errors exceeds a predetermined value,

wherein said charge calculator changes a charging condition in response to said error signal, and said reproducing circuit reproduces said main information signal even when said error detector generates an error signal.

38. A system for charging a fee for information according to claim 36, further comprising:

a detector which detects reproducing amount of said auxiliary information signal,

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wherein said charge calculator calculates a fee based on said second charging information signal when said detector detects that a reproducing amount of said auxiliary information signal exceeds a predetermined value.

39. A system for charging a fee for information according to claim 38,

wherein said first charging information indicates a first amount of charge per unitary time and said second charging information indicates a second amount of charge per unitary time.

40. A system for charging a fee for information according to claim 36, further comprising:

a detector which detects a reproducing time of said auxiliary information signal,

wherein said charge calculator calculates a fee based on said second charging information signal when said detector

detects that a reproducing time of said auxiliary information signal exceeds a predetermined time.

41. A system for charging a fee for information according to claim 40,

wherein said first charging information signal indicates a first amount of charge per unitary time and said second charging information signal indicates a second amount of charge per unitary time.

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42. A system for charging a fee for information according to claim 36,

wherein said first charging information signal is distributed in said main information signal and said second charging information signal is distributed in said auxiliary information signal, said charge calculator calculates a fee based on an accumulation of the overall distribution of said second charging information signal.

43. A device for charging a fee for information, comprising:

a input circuit which inputs a main information signal, an auxiliary information signal, a first charging information signal which indicates a first fee for reproducing said main information signal, and a second charging information signal which indicates discount information for said first fee;

a reproducing circuit which reproduces said main information signal and both said main information signal and said auxiliary information signal; and

a charge calculator which calculates a fee based on said first charging information signal when said main information signal is reproduced and calculates a second, different fee based on both said first charging information signal and said second charging information signal when both said main information signal and said auxiliary information signal are reproduced.

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44. A device for charging a fee for information according to claim 43,

wherein said second charging information signal indicates discount rate for said first fee, and said charge calculator calculates a fee based on both first and second charging information signals.

45. A device for charging a fee for information according to claim 43,

wherein said second charging information signal indicates a discount fee for said first fee, and said charge calculator calculates a unique, said second fee by subtracting said discount fee from said first fee.

46. A device for charging a fee for information according to claim 43, further comprising:

an error detector which detects an error in reproduced information and generates an error signal when the quantity of the detected errors exceeds a predetermined value,

wherein said charge calculator changes a charging condition in response to said error signal and said reproducing circuit reproduces said main information signal even when said error detector generates an error signal.

47. A device for charging a fee for information according to claim 43, further comprising:

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a detector which detects a reproducing amount of said auxiliary information signal,

wherein said charge calculator calculates said second fee, taking into account said second charging information signal, when said detector detects that said reproducing amount of said auxiliary information signal exceeds a predetermined value.

48. A device for charging a fee for information according to claim 43, further comprising:

a detector which detects a reproducing time of said auxiliary information signal,

wherein said charge calculator calculates said second fee, taking into account said second charging information signal, when said detector detects that said reproducing time of said auxiliary information signal exceeds a predetermined time.

49. A device for charging a fee for information according to claim 43,

wherein said first charging information signal indicates first information including an amount of charge per unitary time and said second charging information signal indicates second information including discount information per unitary time.

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50. A device for charging a fee for information according to claim 43,

wherein said first charging information signal is distributed in said main information signal and said second charging information signal is distributed in said auxiliary information signal, said charge calculator calculates said second fee by taking into account an accumulation of the overall distribution of said second charging information signal.

51. A device for charging a fee for information according to claim 43, further comprising:

a recording circuit which records said main information signal, said auxiliary information signal, said first charging information signal and said second charging information signal on a medium.

52. A device for charging a fee for information according to claim 43, further comprising:

a charging process circuit which processes an IC card storing an electric money; and

a communication circuit which sends an electric money corresponding to a fee to a center.

53. A system for charging a fee for information, comprising:

a transmitter which transmits a main information signal and an auxiliary information signal;

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a reproducing circuit which reproduces said main information signal and both said main information signal and said auxiliary information signal; and

a charge calculator which calculates a first fee based on a first charging information signal when said main information signal is reproduced and calculates a second, different fee based on both said first charging information signal and a second charging information signal when both said main information signal and said auxiliary information signal are reproduced, said second charging information signal including discount information for said first fee.

54. A system for charging a fee for information according to claim 53,

wherein said second charging information signal indicates a discount rate for said first fee, and said charge calculator calculates a fee based on both said first and second charging information signals.

55. A system for charging a fee for information according to claim 53,

wherein said second charging information signal indicates discount fee for said first fee, and said charge calculator calculates a unique, said second fee by subtracting said discount fee from said first fee.

56. A system for charging a fee for information according to claim 53, further comprising:

an error detector which detects an error in reproduced information and generates an error signal when the quantity of the detected errors exceeds a predetermined value,

wherein said charge calculator changes a charging condition in response to said error signal and said reproducing circuit reproduces said main information signal even when said error detector generates an error signal.

57. A system for charging a fee for information according to claim 53, further comprising:

a detector which detects a reproducing amount of said auxiliary information signal,

wherein said charge calculator calculates said second fee, taking into account said second charging information signal, when said detector detects that said reproducing amount of said auxiliary information signal exceeds a predetermined value.

58. A system for charging a fee for information according to claim 53, further comprising:

a detector which detects a reproducing time of said auxiliary information signal,

wherein said charge calculator calculates said second fee, taking into account said second charging information signal, when said detector detects that said reproducing time of said auxiliary information signal exceeds a predetermined time.

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59. A system for charging a fee for information according to claim 53,

wherein said first charging information signal indicates first information including an amount of charge per unitary time and said second charging information signal indicates second information including discount information per unitary time.

60. A system for charging a fee for information according to claim 53,

wherein said first charging information signal is distributed in said main information signal and said second charging information signal is distributed in said auxiliary information signal, said charge calculator calculates said second fee by taking into account an accumulation of the overall distribution of said second charging information signal.

61. A system for charging a fee for information, comprising:

a transmitter which transmits a main information signal and an auxiliary information signal to a decoder, said decoder including a receiver and a reproducing circuit which reproduces said main information signal and both said main information signal and auxiliary information signal; and

a charge collector which collects a first fee based on a first charging information signal when said main information signal is reproduced and collects a second different fee based on second charging information signal when both said main information signal and said auxiliary information signal are reproduced.

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